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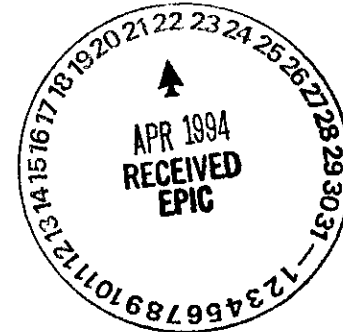
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Dear Mr. Nylander:

STATUS OF SIMULATED HIGH-LEVEL WASTE SLURRY TREATMENT/STORAGE UNIT CLOSURE
PLAN (TSD: TS-3-4)

The following information is being provided in response to the letter, Greta P. Davis, U.S. Department of Ecology (Ecology), to Randall Krekel, U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL), Simulated High-Level Slurry Closure, dated January 11, 1994. The closure plan for the Simulated High-Level Waste Slurry Treatment/Storage (SHLWS) Unit is currently undergoing revision by Pacific Northwest Laboratory (PNL) staff. The staff are addressing comments provided by the RL and other PNL staff.

The comments were extensive and have prolonged the revision process. Many of them deal with the sampling and analysis portion of the plan. To address these and other comments provided by Ms. Davis, of your staff, RL and PNL initiated the Data Quality Objectives (DQO) process in January 1994 for the sampling and analysis portion of the plan. Ms. Davis and other staff from your office are participating in this DQO process to facilitate the development of a plan that is acceptable to RL, PNL, and Ecology.

The amount of revision necessary to update the plan with current regulations and practices is due in part to the age of the last revision. Revision 5 was submitted to Ecology in June of 1990 and no action was taken on it until May 1993, when Ms. Davis was assigned as the Unit Manager. Even though the revision process is taking longer than anticipated, RL believes that the cooperative effort by all parties on the development of the plan will reduce the amount of time it will take for Ecology to perform their final review. RL anticipates submitting the revised closure plan to the regulatory agencies for final approval three months after the completion of the DQO process.

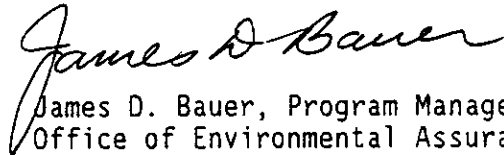
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If you have any questions on the closure plan, including the status of the revision, please contact Mr. R. N. Krekel of RL on (509) 376-4264, or Mr. H. T. Tilden of PNL on (509) 376-0499.

Sincerely,



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